

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1853

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Hokeland

and/or common Greenway Farm

2. Location

street & number US 40 _____ not for publication

city, town Osborn _____
Havre de Grace
X vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland _____ county Harford _____

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	X agriculture
___ building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	___ commercial
X structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Greenway Farm Associates

street & number _____ telephone no.: _____

city, town Joppa _____ state and zip code Maryland 21085

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. _____ liber _____

street & number _____ folio _____

city, town _____ state _____

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title _____

date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local ___

pository for survey records _____

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Hokeland is a two-and-one-half story, box-shaped dwelling probably constructed in the mid to late 1850's by the Hoke family. Four tall brick chimneys project through the low pitched pyramidal roof on either side of the center hall. Widely overhanging eaves are supported by decorative brackets mounted directly on the flush siding (or, on the front, vinyl siding) rather than on a more usual, deep trim band. The 3-bay principle elevation, which faces south toward US 40, is punctuated by pairs of traditional, square-headed, sash windows which are elongated on the first floor (4 over 6 lights), simple rectangles on the second (4 over 4 lights) and square in the half story below the cornice (4 over 4 lights). The structure is entered through a centered door surmounted by a bold architrave (with a continuous jigsawn circle pattern) above attached, paired fluted pilasters on either side of two-part sidelights.

It possesses a plan typical of this period house; that is, four rooms with a center stair hall. A two and one-half story, gabled structure, plus a one-story shed roofed addition north of that, extends from the rear. A large frame barn located just west of the house is severely deteriorated and is being dismantled by the owner. No extant period outbuildings exist on the site.

The owner reports that the interior has been totally remodelled, and the structure overall is in very poor condition. The main elevation, with the exception of the brackets, has been completely encased in vinyl siding, although the other sides retain their traditional materials, though deteriorated.

Hokeland is a restrained rural interpretation of the Italianite style which was popularized by the pattern books of A.J. Downing published in the 1840's and 1850's. This building exemplifies the early, mid-century phase with simple detailing, as opposed to the highly decorated and exuberant examples of the Victorian Italianite which evolved in the 1860's and 1870's.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1854–1857 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Hokeland is a mid-nineteenth century rural example of a restrained Italianite-style dwelling located west of Havre de Grace in Harford County, Maryland. It exemplifies the early, mid-century phase of the Italianite style, characterized by simple detailing as opposed to the highly decorated and exuberant examples of the Victorian Italianite which evolved in the 1860's and 1870's. Probably built in the mid to late 1850's by the Hoke family, the property was retained by descendants for 106 years before being acquired by the Steele family in 1938.

The reputed loss of considerable original material on the inside, the loss of all of the original outbuildings, and the encapsulation of the principal elevation of the structure with vinyl siding have greatly compromised the integrity of the structure and the farm, which is currently utilized for tree farming only.

Neither the Hokes or their descendants, the Greenways, acquired significance in the area on either a local, county or state level according to the standard historical references available for Harford County.

The property is located in an arc-shaped area that wraps around the west sides of Havre de Grace. The area is characterized by large, grand estates built by the elite beginning in the eighteenth century; namely, Sion Hill, Mt. Felix, Mount Pleasant, Blenheim and Bloomsbury. As such Hokeland is an anomaly, having been probably utilized by tenants until approximately 1854 when the Italianite dwelling was constructed for the daughter of the owner, Jacob Hoke.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cemetery and Will Records
1799 Haudecoeur Map
1858 Herric and Jennings Map
1878 Martenet and Bond Map

Tax and Census Records
Milton Wright Our Harford Heritage
Walter Preston History of Harford County
Discussion with Property Owners

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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History

The origin of this property is tied in with early history of two great 18th and 19th century estates bordering it on the north and west sides, Mount Pleasant and Blenheim. The owner of the latter, William Smith, left Blenheim to his son Paca Smith, who, as a minor, was placed under the care of Samuel Hughes, who ran up huge debts in Smith's name. Hughes, who is very important in Havre de Grace history (as is Smith), owned Mount Pleasant, where he resided in 1799. He is noted as owning 2,600 acres in the 1814 tax list. Smith eventually assumed control and became one of the area's leading attorneys. By his death in 1830 Blenheim had grown from the original 180 acres to 420 acres. 202 acres of this, on which Hokeland was probably built 25 years later, was purchased by Paca Smith from Herman Stump for \$1,550 in 1825, and was the same land Stump purchased at a sheriffs sale as a result of a lawsuit brought against Samuel Hughes. The sheriff had seized 1,307 acres, with the portion later purchased by Smith possibly being part of the portion known as Brothers Lott or Addition to Brothers Lott.

Evidently a Mark Noble lived on the property in the 1820's, possibly in a small, one and one-half story frame dwelling that has been incorporated into the wing attached to the north (rear) elevation of the extant Italianite structure known as Hokeland. Examination of the interior or exterior of any part of the structure was not permitted, so it was not possible to confirm this hypothesis.

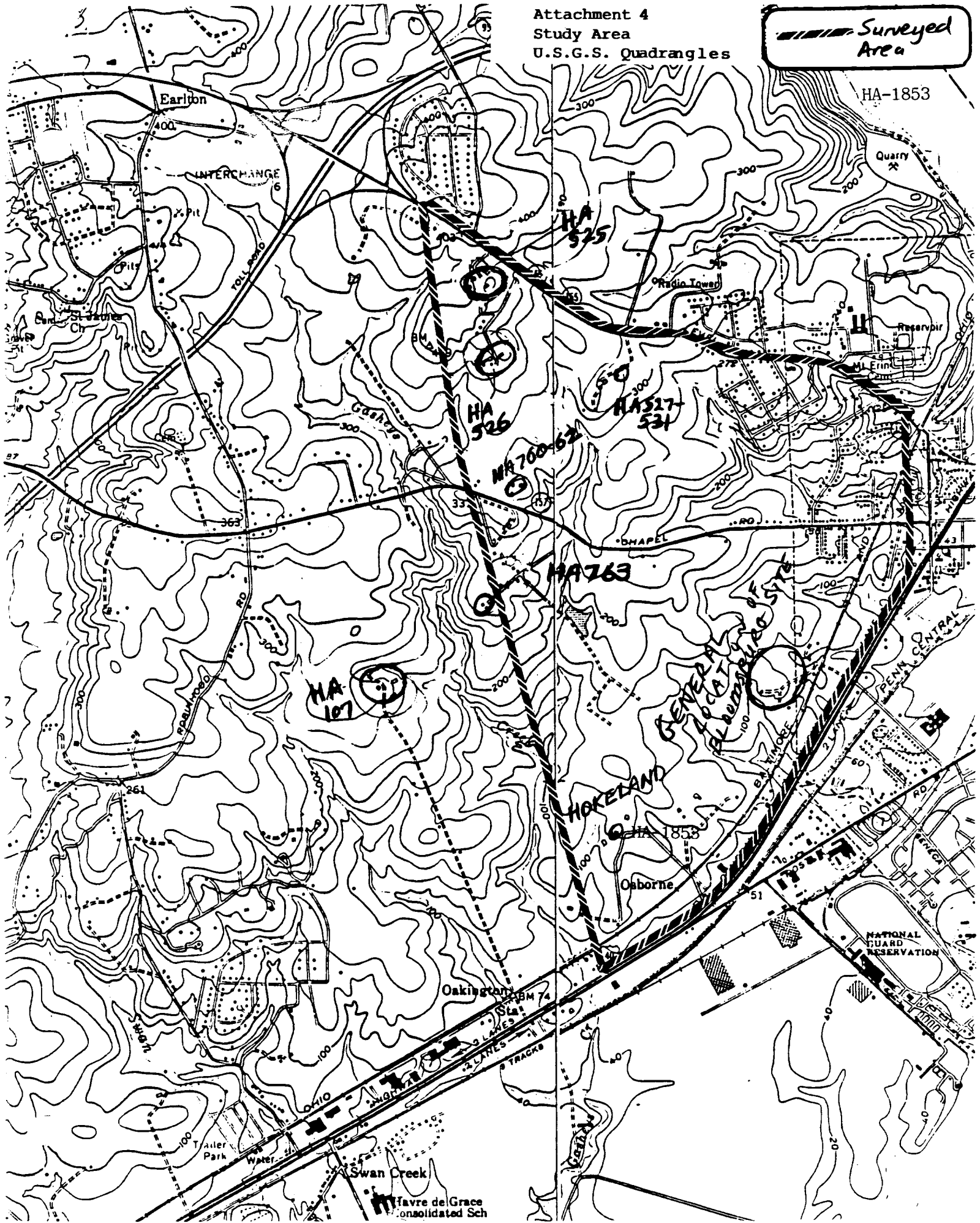
As designated in Paca Smith's 1830 will, (SR 1/515) the 202 acre property passed to his relations, who sold it to Jacob Hoke in 1832 (HD 15/261). Although he and his descendants owned the property for 106 years, Hoke continued to reside at Wilton Farm in Harford County. His wife, Ann, was the daughter of Colonel James Biays. His daughter, Sarah B. Hoke, sold the farm to Edward M. Greenway, of Baltimore, in 1854 (ALJ 5/46) for \$5,000 for the benefit of her sister Kate Hoke Greenway who died there in 1904. By the time of this sale the farm had shrunk to 168 acres. The existing Italianite dwelling was probably constructed in the mid to late 1850's after this sale. When it passed to Kate's son Wilton at her death it comprised approximately 130.6 acres which is the size of the present farm.

Hokeland presumably passed out of the family as a result of Wilton Greenway's 1938 will (AJG 20/237) giving Hokeland to the Steeles, who in turn sold it to a New Yorker in 1946 (GCB 296/12). The Engles, who bought it in 1954, sold to the current owners, the Greenway Farm Associates, in 1984.

Attachment 4
Study Area
U.S.G.S. Quadrangles

Surveyed Area

HA-1853



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① LA-1853 md 151-

Hakeland

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Suppen
4191



③ HA-1853

Heloland

Ind 115
4/91



Agg. 115



194-1953 (5)

Ind 155

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Hobeland

W. Elevator



Luffen



11A-1853 (7)

Hohelund

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